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Treasurer to Address Governor's Commission **State's Continued Economic Vibrancy Depends on Community Re-investment and** **Sustainable Patterns of Future Growth**

On Tuesday, June 29, 1999, California State Treasurer Philip Angelides will present a special edition of the annual Debt Affordability Report -- a look at how much the State can afford to borrow for infrastructure investment -- to Governor Gray Davis' Commission on Building for the 21st Century.

The meeting will take place at 10:00 am at the Biltmore Hotel in downtown Los Angeles.

The report, *Smart Investments*, outlines a strategic approach to investment, which calls for the following:

- Investments that support livable communities, sustainable development and sound environmental practices that strengthen the economy.
- Re-investment in declining communities to reverse a dangerous trend toward "two Californias," one in poverty and the other enjoying economic boom.
- A smarter fiscal approach to investment, which looks at cost-effective alternatives to simply building more conventional facilities.
- Strong and meaningful planning at the regional level to direct state infrastructure investments.
- Majority vote for communities to approve investments in schools and other critical local needs.

"Sustained economic success in the 21st Century will require the investment of public resources to ensure the continued attractiveness of California as a place not only to locate business, but also as a good place for people to work and live," said Angelides. "Implicit in these investment objectives is the recognition that California will not achieve economic success in the long run if our environment is degraded or if there are pockets of economic failure throughout the State."

The Debt Affordability Report is being forwarded to the Governor and the Legislature as they consider the vital matter of infrastructure investment.

During coming weeks, Angelides will meet with public bodies, and with business and civic organizations throughout the State to discuss the report. A partial listing of these meetings and events is attached.

The report is reflective of Angelides' goals as Treasurer to prudently manage the State's debt, cost-effectively finance infrastructure, and to invest more in economically struggling California communities.

Prior to assuming office in January 1999, Angelides was long active in affordable housing, redevelopment and public finance issues, and was a private sector pioneer in the "New Urbanist" movement.

Copies of *Smart Investments* are available at the State Treasurer's Office, 915 Capitol Mall, Room 110, Sacramento.

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